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According to the local press, the Ministry of Interior has approved a demonstration by Rassemblement des Houphouëtistes pour la Démocratie et la Paix (RHDP) for Tuesday, 26 January, in Cocody. The demonstrators are expected to assemble at 08:00 am at the maison du PDCI-RDA, which is located on Boulevard de France in Cocody. Demonstrators will then march to RTI and hold a sit in; the press reports that organizers expect up to 10,000 participants. It is not known what time the demonstration will conclude.

Spontaneous demonstrations take place in Cote d'Ivoire from time to time in response to world events or local developments. We remind U.S. citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. U.S. citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

U.S. citizens traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website and the U.S. Department of State's, <u>Bureau of Consular Affairs website</u> where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review <u>"A Safe Trip Abroad"</u>, which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

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Local embassy information is available below and at the <u>Department of State's list of embassies and consulates</u>.

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